Strategy to tackle fog

695. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have worked out some strategy to tackle fog with night vision goggles for drivers of the running trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a GPS device was developed by the Railways to fight fog; and

(d) if so, how far has it proved successful to address the fog issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Some trials with GPS (Global Positioning System) to combat the fog are being undertaken. However, it would be too premature to comment on the performance of this equipment as to how it would be helpful for working of trains in foggy weather.

Trains without pantry car facilities

696. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of long distance trains not having pantry car facilities;

(b) the reasons for not providing pantry car facilities in those trains; and

(c) the time by when pantry car facilities would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) A Statement is attached (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Attachment of pantry cars to trains is based on various considerations such as priority of the train, journey time, commercial justification and availability of pantry cars, etc. No time-frame for attachment of pantry cars to all the long distance trains, can be given.

Statement

List of long distance Mail/Express trains (journey time of more than 24 hours in both ways) running without Pantry Car

S.No.	Train No.		Train Name
1	2		3
1	1039	1040	Sri Chattrapati Sahu Maharaj (T) - Gondia Maharashtra Express
2	1043	1044	Lokmanaya Tilak (T) - Madurai Express
3	1053	1054	Nizamuddin - Sri Chatrapati Sahu Maharaj (T) Express
4	1055	1056	Gorakhpur-Lokmanaya Tilak (T) Godan Express